

Christ's true religion, in good order and honesty of living; except they will have them run headlong into over many jeopardies, as Ulysses had done many times, if Pallas had not always governed him. Whereby the divine poet Homer meant covertly that love of honesty and hatred of ill, which David doth more plainly call the fear of God; the only remedy against all enchantments of sin.¹ Chesterfield followed the plan of these conduct books and sent his son with a tutor into different countries and courts and constantly admonished him against the usual abuse of foreign travel.² But, remember, that seeing is the least material object of traveling; hearing and knowing are the essential points.³ The forms of government, the maxims of policy, the strength or weakness, the trade and commerce of the several countries you see or hear of are the important objects.⁴ Do not imagine that this knowledge, which I so much recommend to you, is confined to books, pleasing useful and necessary as that knowledge is; but I recommend in it the great knowledge of the world, still more necessary than that of books.⁴ Perhaps the futility of travel to improve the usual gentleman of either period may most clearly be shown by quoting the admirable imaginary conversation Chesterfield has take place between young Stanhope and an Englishman traveling abroad:

"Englishman--Will you come and breakfast with me tomorrow; there will be four or five of our countrymen; we have provided chaises,

1. The Scholemaster, p 75.

2. Chesterfield's Letters to His Son, p 107, Letter CXI.

3. op. cit., p 247, Letter CXII.

4. op. cit., p 110, Letter CXII